

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 558 - SB 1447

March 3, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a local education agency (LEA) or public charter school to allow a student to be excused from school attendance for one full school day each school year to allow the student time to address the student's mental or behavioral health. Requires a student receiving an excused absence from school pursuant to this section to have the opportunity to make up school work missed and to not have the student's class grades adversely affected.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- LEAs would be required to add a new code to designate this new type of excused absence in order to report on implementation of this requirement. The Department of Education's (DOE) system would also need to be updated.
- Schools will be able to update their attendance policies during the normal course of business.
- LEAs and DOE will be able to make the necessary changes during the annual oversight of student information systems and within existing resources. Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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